

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
STATESBORO DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

v. )

DONALD DICKERSON, )

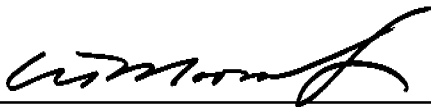
Defendant. )

CASE NO. CR608-036 SO. DIST. OF GA.

O R D E R

Before the Court is Defendant Donald Dickerson's Motion to Contact Jury. (Doc. 27.) Defendant Dickerson has been indicted for perjury with respect to a sworn statement about his prior criminal trial.<sup>1</sup> (Doc. 1.) In this Motion, Defendant seeks permission to interview jurors from his prior criminal trial, pursuant to Southern District of Georgia Local Rule 83.8.<sup>2</sup> After careful consideration, the Court sees no reason to allow the interviews.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, the Motion is **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

  
WILLIAM T. MOORE, JR., CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

<sup>1</sup> Specifically, Defendant allegedly filed a sworn affidavit with this Court stating that he was not present for jury selection at his criminal trial on February 6, 2006. (Doc. 1.)

<sup>2</sup> There is no unfettered right to conduct post-trial interviews of jurors. See United States v. Hooshmand, 931 F.2d 725, 737 (11th Cir. 1991) (upholding as constitutional a local rule requiring the district court's permission for post-trial interviews of jurors).

<sup>3</sup> Defendant may call the jurors as witnesses in this case, but the Court sees no purpose in allowing out-of-Court interviews of the same. Among other reasons, the record is clear on what these jurors will say about Defendant's presence. Furthermore, this is not a case where the jurors need to be interviewed to determine whether there was improper influence or juror misconduct. See Hooshmand, 931 F.2d at 737.